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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 10, 2002, improved fall harvest weather conditions allowed harvest activities to gain momentum last week, according to USDA’s Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvest progress is currently about two weeks behind normal.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center. Current county specific comments plus current and historic PDF files of Weather and Crop reports can be found at: <http://www.agr.state.ne.us/agstats/cropwthr.htm>

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged above normals for the week and ranged from normal to five degrees above normals. Precipitation was scattered and light, generally under 0.2 inch in the eastern third of Nebraska.

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest progressed well last week with 75 percent complete, about a week and a half behind last year at 92 and two weeks behind average at 91.

Soybean harvest made good progress last week with 92 percent complete, this is about two weeks behind last year, which was finished, and average at 98.

Sorghum was 83 percent combined, behind last year at 96 and average at 94.

Wheat condition rated 11 percent very poor, 6 poor, 38 fair, 40 good, and 5 excellent. A year ago conditions rated 64 percent good and excellent, compared to only 45 this year, while average ratings are at 65.

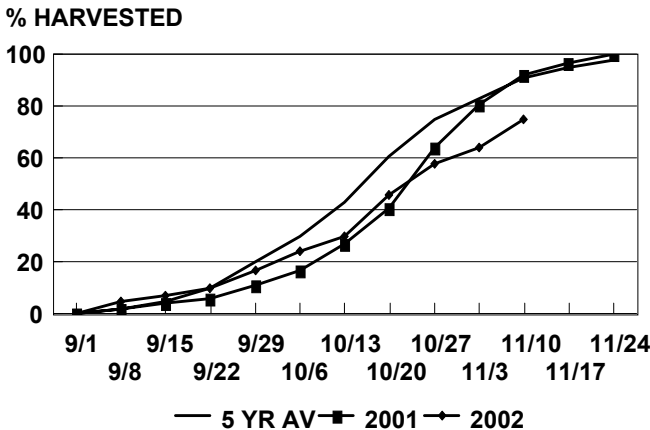
Livestock, Pasture, and Range Report: Some cattle are gleaning stalk fields while others are receiving supplemental feedstuffs.

Progress and Conditions: By District, Nebraska, as of November 10, 2002

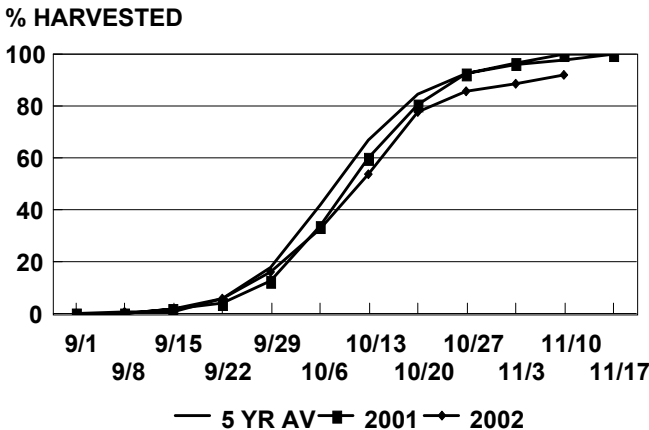
| Item | Agricultural Statistics Districts | | | | | | | | State | Last Week | Last Year | Average |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | NW | NC | NE | C | EC | SW | SC | SE | | | | |
| % Corn Harvested | 33 | 79 | 64 | 78 | 88 | 57 | 78 | 88 | 75 | 64 | 92 | 91 |
| % Soybeans Harvested | ¹ | 96 | 93 | 94 | 92 | 97 | 98 | 86 | 92 | 89 | 100 | 98 |
| % Sorghum Harvested | 55 | 84 | 97 | 85 | 84 | 77 | 71 | 86 | 83 | 75 | 96 | 94 |
| Days Suitable for Fieldwork | 5.4 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 1.7 | 6.9 | 4.9 |
| Topsoil Moisture | - % Very short | 53 | 9 | 4 | 19 | 11 | 17 | 0 | 2 | 17 | 15 | 23 |
| | - % Short | 32 | 21 | 15 | 29 | 14 | 35 | 16 | 18 | 24 | 25 | 39 |
| | - % Adequate | 15 | 70 | 71 | 52 | 70 | 46 | 84 | 80 | 57 | 56 | 38 |
| | - % Surplus | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Subsoil Moisture | - % Very Short | 87 | 28 | 22 | 47 | 36 | 74 | 29 | 33 | 47 | 50 | 22 |
| | - % Short | 13 | 41 | 34 | 44 | 37 | 14 | 48 | 47 | 33 | 30 | 37 |
| | - % Adequate | 0 | 31 | 44 | 9 | 27 | 12 | 23 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 41 |
| | - % Surplus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

¹ Data not available.

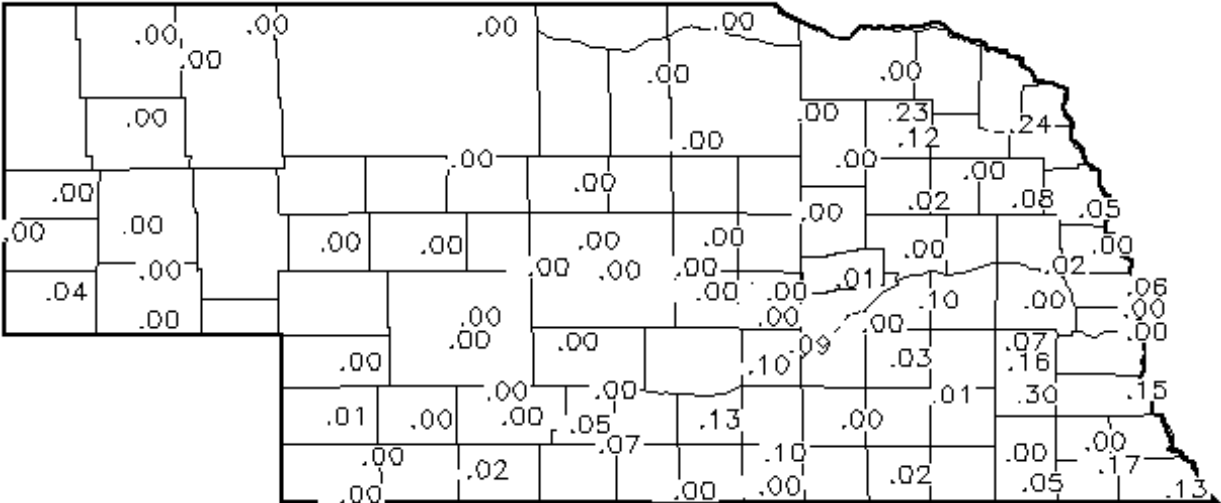
CORN



SOYBEANS



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending November 10, 2002



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - November 10, 2002

| Item | NW | NC | NE | CEN | EC | SW | SC | SE |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total past week | .01 | .00 | .08 | .02 | .05 | .01 | .10 | .03 |
| Total since April 1 | 8.68 | 13.73 | 19.37 | 13.73 | 21.94 | 10.13 | 15.01 | 20.85 |
| Normal since April 1 | 14.12 | 18.43 | 21.54 | 20.08 | 23.78 | 16.93 | 20.14 | 24.97 |
| Total as % of normal | 61% | 73% | 89% | 68% | 92% | 60% | 74% | 83% |

Source: High Plains Climate Center data as of 8:00 a.m.

Temperature: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, November 10, 2002

| Station | | Temperature | | | |
|---------|--------------|-------------|-----|---------|-----------|
| | | Extremes | | Average | Departure |
| | | High | Low | | |
| NW | Alliance | 64 | 18 | 41 | 3 |
| | Scottsbluff | 63 | 17 | 40 | 2 |
| | Sidney | 63 | 15 | 40 | 1 |
| NC | Ainsworth | 74 | 22 | 44 | 5 |
| | Arthur | 68 | 20 | 42 | 3 |
| | O'Neill | 73 | 21 | 44 | 4 |
| NE | Concord | 72 | 20 | 42 | 2 |
| | Elgin | 71 | 23 | 46 | 5 |
| | West Point | 72 | 18 | 42 | 0 |
| C | Grand Island | 73 | 21 | 44 | 3 |
| | Lexington | 71 | 22 | 44 | 3 |
| | Ord | 70 | 21 | 43 | 2 |
| EC | Lincoln | 73 | 22 | 46 | 2 |
| | Central City | 73 | 20 | 43 | 2 |
| | Mead | 73 | 21 | 44 | 0 |
| SW | Champion | 73 | 17 | 43 | 3 |
| | North Platte | 72 | 19 | 42 | 2 |
| | Curtis | 71 | 21 | 44 | 4 |
| SC | Arapahoe | 65 | 14 | 40 | 1 |
| | Minden | 74 | 21 | 44 | 4 |
| | Red Cloud | 74 | 23 | 46 | 5 |
| SE | Beatrice | 72 | 21 | 45 | 1 |
| | Clay Center | 71 | 21 | 44 | 3 |
| | Nemaha | 72 | 26 | 48 | 3 |

N/A = Not available. Source: High Plains Climate Center.